THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) The number of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) as on 30.06.2007 are as under:

AWWs - 839197

AWHs - 826446

(b) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme envisages the Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and Helpers (AWHs) as "honorary workers" from the local community. However, in order to give recognition to their voluntary efforts, they are paid a monthly honorarium, as decided by the Government from time to time. The honorarium being paid to Anganwadi Workers, out of grant-in-aid released by the Government of India, ranges from Rs. 938/- to Rs. 1063 per month, depending upon their qualification and experience, as given below:-

Qualification	Honorarium
Non-matriculate	Rs. 938/-
Matriculate	Rs. 1000/-
Non-matriculate with 5 yrs. Experience	Rs. 969/-
Matriculate with 5 yrs. Experience	Rs. 1031/-
Non-matriculate with 10 yrs. Experience	Rs. 1000/-
Matriculate with 10 yrs. Experience	Rs. 1063/-

Anganwadi Helpers are paid an honorarium of Rs. 500/- per month. Further, some States are also paying additional honorarium/monetary incentives to Anganwadi Workers/Helpers, for work other than ICDS, out of their own resources.

(c) The working hours of Anganwadi Workers on an average are 4 to 5 hours per day in most of the States.

(d) There is no such plan under consideration of the Government, at present.

Delays in adoption of children

1468. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minsiter of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are long and frequent delays relating to adoption of children, as only 222 adoption took place, in 2006 and about 1200 families are waiting in the line;

(b) if so, whether the Central Adoption Resource Authority is drafting comprehensive guidelines, aiming at shortening the waiting period and mitigating illegal adoptions; and

(c) whether the guidelines provide safeguards against such illegal adoptions and trafficking, which are surfacing frequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) is drafting guidelines to address these issues.

Rehabilitation of mentally ill and homeless women

1469. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the highest authority of the country has advised for creating rehabilitation centers for mentally ill and homeless women;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to create required number of rehabilitation centers and after care homes in the country; and

(c) if so, the number of rehabilitation centers and after-care homes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) to (c) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, under Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, releases grant-in-aid to the NGOs (Non Government Organizations) for the welfare and rehabilitation of persons with mental illness including homeless women. Under the said scheme, eleven such Rehabilitation Centers/Half Way Homes for mentally ill persons, (including two especially for mentally ill women) are being supported. State-wise list of these 11 Half-way Home is shown in Statement. (*See* below)

In so far as the Ministry of Women and Child Development is concerned, it is informed that this Ministry is running Swadhar Scheme for destitute women including mentally challenged women, providing shelter based holistic and integrated services to women in difficult circumstance. State-wise list is available on this Ministry's website at www.wcd.nic.in.

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Rehabilitiation Centres for Mentally ill and homeless women
Half Way Home 2006-07

Sl. No.	State	Organization Name	Project
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Santhiniketan	Half Way Home for Psyco-Social Rehabilitation of Treatment
2.	Assam	Ashadeep	Half Way Home for mentally ills
3.	Assam	Zilla Bahumukhi Mahila Unnayan Sama	Half Way Home
4.	Gujarat	Vardan Foundation	Half Way Home
5.	Jharkhand	The Society for the Brothers of Charity	Half Way Home
6.	Madhya Pradesh	Akhil Bhartiya Samajik Swasthaya Sangh	Female Half Way Home
7.	Manipur	Centre for Mental Hygience	Half Way Home for mentally ills